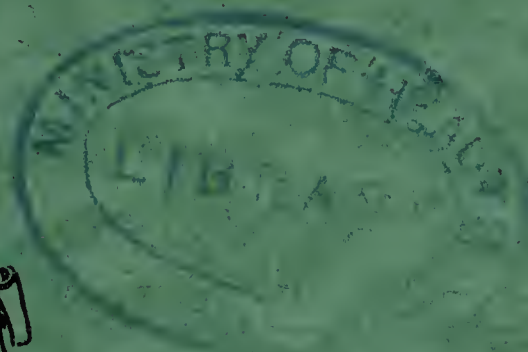


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OF THE


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Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1953.





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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Worsley.

July, 1954.

It gives me pleasure to present my report for the year 1953.

During the year the incidence of Infectious Disease was by no means high. There were several mild cases of Measles during the early part of the year but these were at the end of the epidemic of the latter part of 1952.

Whooping Cough was rather more prevalent than last year but thanks to the new drug which is now used the violence of the attacks was considerably abated.

The chief causes of mortality were those from Cardio-Vascular conditions and the number of cases treated for high blood pressure was particularly high.

There were only three cases of Poliomyelitis, none of which was fatal. A somewhat doubtful outbreak of Food Poisoning was confined to four members of one family, which was the only one notified during the year.

There was an increasingly large number of children with gross Tonsillar conditions, with complications affecting the ears, but these declined towards the end of the year.

The large increase in the number of Tuberculosis cases is due to the transfer of cases from Salford who have become residents in Worsley. As you are aware, tuberculosis is regarded as one of the reasons for granting priority for new Council houses when the home conditions are below standard.

The work of the department is growing owing to new legislation and this is likely to increase more than ever in the near future.

Practically all the tenants residing in houses in Clearance Areas which were confirmed just before the outbreak of the last war have been rehoused or are awaiting the completion of houses which have been allocated to them.

The department has spent considerable time in inspecting and scheduling areas which are to be considered for representation as Clearance Areas as soon as circumstances allow, and much of the work under the proposed Housing Repairs and Rents Bill has been anticipated.

I consider the health of the district to have been very satisfactory during the year and that real progress has been made in the Department.

One again I must express my sincere thanks to the Chairman of the Council, Councillor J. Pennington J.P. and to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Public Health Committee Councillor E. Mann J.P. and Councillor J.E. Taylor J.P., for their help.

I am also indebted to the staff of the Public Health Department for the efficient way they have contended with the various calls made upon them during the year, and I thank you all for your consideration and cooperation.

Table I. - STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area - 7,242 acres.

Population - Registrar General's estimate of :-

(a) resident population mid 1953	28,880
(b) average population for calculation of death rates 1953	28,880

No. of inhabited houses, according to Rate Books at the end of 1953 - 9,854.

Rateable Value 1953 - £155,331.

Sum represented by a penny rate 1953 - £615.

Table II. - VITAL STATISTICS, 1953.

		Total			M	F.	
Births Live	Legitimate ..	404	217	187			
	Illegitimate ..	13	9	4			
	Total..	<u>417</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>191</u>			
							Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident Population - 15.2.
Still Births		13	8	5	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births-30.		
Deaths(all ages). ..		285	135	150	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population - 10.2.		

Maternal Mortality :-

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion .. 1.
Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) 2.33.

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births 19

Neo-natal mortality :-

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age 5
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births 12

The Birth Rate (15.2) is lower than that for England and Wales (15.5) and the Death Rate (10.2) is lower (11.4).

The Infantile Mortality Rate (19) is lower than that for England and Wales (26.8).

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year.

Table III. - CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1953

CLASSIFIED LIST OF CAUSES

									Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	..	..							4	1
Leukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-
Cancer, stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Cancer, other forms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	18
Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	..	..	..						6	19
Heart Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	60
Other circulatory diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11
Other Respiratory Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-
Nephritis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
Congenital Malformation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	1
Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
All other causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	14
All Causes :-									<u>135</u>	<u>150</u>
TOTAL									.....	285

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1953.

	Total cases	CASES NOTIFIED									Cases removed to hospital	Deaths
		Under 1 yr.	1 - 3 -	5 - 10 -	15 - 25 -	45 - 65 & over						
Scarlet Fever	98	1	9	18	58	11	-	1	-	-	44	-
Measles	298	10	65	106	114	2	1	-	-	-	4	-
Whooping Cough	58	6	17	14	20	-	-	-	-	1	4	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary & influenzal)	12	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	4	-	4	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Dysentery	7	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	481	20	96	141	195	14	1	5	7	2	60	-

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES & MORTALITY DURING, 1953

Age Periods		NEW CASES				DEATHS			
		Resp't'y		non-Resp't'y		Resp't'y		non-Resp't'y	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years	0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	1-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	2-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
"	5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	15-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
"	20-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	25-	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
"	35-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
"	45-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
"	55-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
"	65-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
"	75 & upwards	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		17	14	1	3	4	1	-	-
		31		4		5		0	

The following pathological and bacteriological examinations were made during 1953.

- (1) Diptheria, 8.
- (2) Typhoid (Salmonella and Dysentery Group), 28.
- (3) Ice Cream, 6.
- (4) Others, 2.
- (5) Food Poisoning, 10.

M. K. CARROLL,

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR, 1953.

July, 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Worsley Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present my report on the work of the Public Health Department during the year 1953.

There has been very little change either to staff or to policy and it has been a year of steady routine.

There has been an increasing demand for waste paper and it will be seen from the tables that our revenue from this source has improved. Refuse collection has had its usual fluctuations. Early in the year we were able to make a weekly collection but owing to the rapid growth of the district we are now taking much longer to get round. We have five large Karrier wagons and a Karrier Bantam in constant use and occasionally borrow a vehicle and driver from the Highways Department. We have two new wagons on order and when they arrive we shall be able to cope more efficiently with the growing requirements of the district.

We have made several enquiries concerning land for a new Tip as Berryfield is filling up and is now a long way from the new housing estates.

If the stream on the East side of the present tip at Berryfield were culverted in it would give us space for several years tipping, for the field beyond the brook belongs to this Council and was originally bought for use as a tip.

Atmospheric pollution is still a problem. In fact, it is growing into a menace. Smoke from mines is still being blown over this district. Some boilers have had patent stokers installed but more and more work is being placed on old boilers which have to be forced, and more smoke is emitted.

New housing estates are being built close to the many mineral lines which intersect the district and the people are complaining of the smoke from the locomotives. Efforts are being made to use Diesel engines for shunting but so far they have not been very successful.

Rodent control is now a full time job. The people are becoming more aware of the danger to health from rats and mice and more readily reporting their presence than formerly. Warfarin still continues to give satisfactory results and we are steadily gaining in the campaign of extermination.

Housing is still the most urgent need but few authorities can show a better record than Worsley. Within a very short time all the outstanding Clearance Areas will have been dealt with, for the majority of the families have been rehoused in Council Houses or have had sufficient houses from our allocation set aside for their use as soon as they are completed. A total of 511 houses have been demolished under the Housing Act, 1930 and 1723 people rehoused.

Inspections have been made and fresh areas scheduled for consideration as Clearance Areas, and representations will be made to define them as areas which should be demolished. These will be under the Housing Act, 1938.

Once again I am indebted to Mr. Potter the Housing Manager for supplying the information concerning new houses.

The figures are so interesting that I submit the figures for 1953 alongside those of the previous year so that the progress made can be seen at a glance.

A new feature of my report this year is a complete list of the Food and Drug Samples taken by the Inspector from the County in co-operation with this Department. The County Council is the Food & Drug Authority for Worsley and the samples taken during the year are far above the recognised number of three per thousand of the population. I consider that we are getting very satisfactory service and co-operation from the Officers of the County Council.

The lists show that the usual routine work is proceeding in a normal manner. Every complaint, however trivial or unusual is investigated and dealt with as the law and circumstances allow, even if the action taken is not always just what the person making the complaint would like.

Bakehouses, shops and food premises receive routine visits, and are always visited on request. Here again the proprietors are very co-operative and willingly call us in for advice on doubtful commodities and surrender anything not up to a satisfactory standard. Many articles of food have been surrendered and destroyed but I do not consider the total to be very large considering the amount consumed.

There have been no complaints in connection with Canal Boats and our routine visits have not revealed anything out of the ordinary.

I can repeat what I said last year. On the whole I consider it to have been a year of steady and practical advancement and we have done the best we could. There have been remarkably few complaints other than those asking for houses to be repaired, and even in this most awkward part of our work there has been an improvement. It has been slightly easier to get repairs carried out, for material is not quite as scarce as it was last year.

New Houses erected during the year.

1953 1952

By Local Authority for Worsley	191 - 96
By Local Authority for Salford	424 - 167
By private persons	20 - 21
In process of erection for Worsley	144 - 125
In process of erection for Salford	450 - 452
Contemplated for Worsley	200 - 150
Contemplated for Salford	600 - 650
Dwellings overcrowded	105 - 132
No. of families involved	120 - 180
No. of persons involved	531 - 707
New cases of overcrowding	3 - 6
Cases of overcrowding relieved	30 - 16
No. of persons concerned	176 - 71

Council Houses required.

Bungalows or Flats with one bedroom	96 - 136
Bungalows or Flats with two bedrooms	56 - 88
Houses with two bedrooms	109 - 66
Houses with three bedrooms	132 - 195
Houses with four bedrooms	16 - 20

409 - 505

The following detailed lists show the amount and variety of things with which the department is called upon to deal as a matter of routine.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Dwelling Houses	220
Inspections for above	652
Miscellaneous housing visits	12
Infectious diseases	109
Disinfections	116
Caravans	3
Schools	6
Canal Boats	24
Piggeries	27
Keeping of animals	2
Rodent Control	95
Insect Pests	55
Drainage	58
Water courses	5
Refuse collection and disposal	16
Public conveniences	30
Air raid shelters	7
Smoke abatement	24
Spoilbanks	2
Unsound food	40
Marine stores	3
Outworkers	11
Contractors and owners interviewed	25
Unfounded complaints	4
Miscellaneous visits	63
Factories	101
Shops	255
Ice Cream manufacturers	17
Sale of ice cream	30
Bakehouses	93
Fish & Chip shops	57
Dairies	12
Milk shops	11
Hawkers premises	3
Cooked meat shops	6
Grocers	33
Butchers	65
Other food preparing premises	10

MILK SUPPLY

The following licences under the Milk (Special Designations (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949, have been issued:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk	(1)	Bottling	Nil.
	(2)	Distribution	21.
Accredited Milk	(1)	Bottling	Nil.
	(2)	Distribution	Nil.

The following licences under the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949, have been issued :-

Pasteurised Milk	(1)	Plants	Nil.
	(2)	Retail Distributors..	29.
Sterilized	(1)	Plant	Nil.
	(2)	Retail Distributors..	73.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS, 1938 - 1950

A total of 137 samples was obtained; of these 88 were of milk (this total includes 3 Channel Island milks) and the 49 others comprised :-

1 Coffee	1 Semolina
3 Mixed spice	2 Fish paste
2 Liquid paraffin	1 Treacle
2 Parrish's chemical food	1 Salad cream
2 Dried peas	1 Plain flour
2 Malt, milk and cocoa	1 Coffee and chicory
1 Syrup	1 Tapioca
2 Pork sausages	1 Castor oil
1 Dripping	1 Glycerine of Borax
1 Olive oil	1 Xmas pudding
1 Camphorated oil	2 Barley
1 Sage, dried	2 Cheese spread
4 Shredded beef suet	2 Ground almonds
3 Table jelly	1 Orange drink
2 Baking powder	1 Whisky
1 Peas, canned	1 Brandy

All the above samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following:-

1 Liquid Paraffin	Kinematic Viscosity 20.9. centistokes. Consisted of light liquid paraffin.	Packers communicated with and stock withdrawn from sale.
1 Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 1.1% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.
1 Pork Sausages	Contained 115 parts per million sulphite preservative expressed as sulphur di oxide without declaration.	Vendor cautioned.
1 Camphorated Oil	Bottle contained 0.7c.c. of separated water, sample otherwise genuine. Appearance of having been placed in a wet bottle.	Vendor cautioned.
1 Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 0.3% of extraneous water.	Same vendor. Farmer interviewed and further samples obtained.
1 Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 1.8% of extraneous water.	
1 Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 0.5% of extraneous water.	Farm visited and further samples obtained.
1 Formal Milk	Deficient 8.3% fat.	Vendor notified.
1 Formal Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 3.5% of extraneous water.	Vendor caution and further samples obtained.
1 Orange Drink	Label gave no name of the food and no name and address of the packer or labeller of food. Labelling of Food Order offence.	Packers communicated with.

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS FOUND

Damp Walls	67
Defective roofs	47
Broken and perished plaster	44
Defective and damp floors	14
Defective window frames	23
Defective Stone sills	1
Defective sashcords	3
Defective glazing	2
Defective fireranges	4
Defective ovens	3
Defective doors	3
Bulging and cracked walls	8
Defective gutters	43
Defective pointing to walls	32
Burst water pipes	6
Defective washboilers	3
Defective skirtings	1
Defective stairs	1
Defective waste pipes	3
Defective rainwater pipes	9
Choked and defective drains	55
Defective chimney flues and stacks	7
Gas Fittings	3
Defective ceilings	2
Defective sink	1
Defective gully	1
Defective outbuildings	1
Defective yard walls and gates	5
Defective W.C. structure	6
Defective W.C. basins	1
Defective W.C. seat	2
Defective W.C. cistern and pipes	2
Defective W.W.C.'s.	7
Water & sewage in cellars etc.	11
Defective soil pipes	1
Foul smells	3

Cockroaches	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Bugs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other insect pests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Animals a nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dirty Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Accumulation of rubbish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Defective dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Miscellaneous nuisances and defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Escape of coal gas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Polluted streams	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dust nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Food premises. In need of cleansing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Defective structure	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Unsatisfactory washing facilities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Factory W.C.'s. Unsatisfactory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

CONDEMNED FOOD - 1953.

								lbs.
Tinned Fruit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	302 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tomatoes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Jellied Veal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Condensed Milk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Evaporated Milk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beans in Tomato Sauce	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ox Tongue	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111 $\frac{3}{4}$
Beans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stewed Steak	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	685 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	302 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Currants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21 $\frac{3}{4}$
								<u>1,553 lbs</u>

SALVAGE COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR 1953 WAS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS: -

<u>Material</u>	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Paper	130	2	2	533	2	6
Kitchen Waste	34	6	2	128	14	7
Scrap Metal	2	9	0	2	18	0
	<u>166</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£664</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>Month</u>	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
January	14	8	2	56	8	6
February	8	18	2	34	4	6
March	27	5	1	106	7	5
April	9	1	1	34	10	6
May	18	13	1	74	7	2
June	12	17	3	51	5	6
July	12	10	3	49	16	8
August	11	9	2	44	7	10
September	14	1	2	51	13	11
October	12	1	0	47	14	9
November	13	1	3	51	18	10
December	12	9	0	61	19	6
	<u>166</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£664</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT FOR 15 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1954.

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All Others	
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's district.	15	9446	33	1082	10576
2. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during the period as a result of (a) a notification (b) survey or otherwise.	(a) -	195	15	12	222
	(b) 15	28	-	8	58
3. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by rats.	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor 12	131	15	14	172
4. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by mice.	10	59	-	-	69
5. Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority.	15	190	1	14	220

As I am due for retirement in September this will be my last Annual report. I look back on the past twenty years with very mixed feelings for there have been many changes. When I was first appointed the principal activities were Housing, Clearance Areas and Meat Inspection in private slaughterhouses.

The war years suspended these. I became Senior Sanitary Inspector in 1941 and at the conclusion of the war we had to begin our reconstruction to try to clear up the mess and wastage of the war years. The housing programme was recommenced, thousands of houses have been built, unfit houses

demolished and the people rehoused. All the outstanding clearance areas have been dealt with and we are now beginning a new drive for better housing conditions. Meat is being decontrolled and slaughterhouses which have been in disuse since 1940 are being re-licensed. The wheel has revolved full circle since 1940.

I can look back on much that has been achieved and also consider with regret the things I should have liked to have seen accomplished if time and circumstances had not been against it. No sanitarian can ever be satisfied however much work is done, for there is always more which requires doing.

During those years I have been fortunate in meeting many fine characters who spent their lives in service to the community; many of them are still doing so.

Two things I have learned during my forty years as an Inspector of Nuisances, (as I was originally designated), one is that a sense of humour is the beginning and end of Philosophy, and also that however many clashes and conflicts there may be between officials and councillors, or between councillor and councillor concerning procedure, there is running through it all the real desire for the welfare of the District and those who live within it.

I have now played my part and am leaving for others to carry on. I have made my mistakes and had my misunderstandings. For these I ask your indulgence. I have made many friends and had a great deal of help and consideration from my colleagues and from the members of the Council. For these I wish to tender to all of you my best thanks. As I shall be taking with me many pleasant memories I hope that I shall leave a few behind. It is my sincere wish that those who remain and those who may come will continue to put Worsley and its people first, and to try to make this District what we should all like it to be.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS ISHERWOOD,

Senior Sanitary Inspector &
Cleansing Superintendent.

